

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method for identifying excursions to general solutions provided by a
2 solution network comprising:
3 identifying excursions to a general solution on a system basis;
4 saving the excursions within the solution network on a system basis; and,
5 when accessing the solution network, searching the solution network to
6 determine whether an excursion solution exists.

- 1 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 storing the excursion exception within the solution network based upon a
3 unique system identifier..

- 1 3. The method of claim 2 wherein:
2 the unique system identifier is a service tag.

- 1 4. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 storing the excursion exception within the solution network based upon a part
3 identifier.

- 1 5. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 storing the excursion exception within the solution network based upon a
3 system model identifier.

- 1 6. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 storing the excursion exception within the solution network based upon a
3 system manufacture date.

- 1 7. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
2 searching the solution network for general solutions when no excursion
3 solution exists, the searching the solution network to determine
4 whether an excursion solution exists being performed before searching
5 to solution network for general solutions..

1 8. The method of claim 1 wherein:
2 the system includes an information handling system.

1 9. An apparatus for identifying excursions to general solutions provided
2 by a solution network comprising:
3 means for identifying excursions to a general solution on a system basis;
4 means for saving the excursions within the solution network on a system basis;
5 and,
6 means for searching the solution network to determine whether an excursion
7 solution exists when accessing the solution network.

1 10. The apparatus of claim 9 further comprising:
2 means for storing the excursion exception within the solution network based
3 upon a unique system identifier..

1 11. The apparatus of claim 10 wherein:
2 the unique system identifier is a service tag.

1 12. The apparatus of claim 9 further comprising:
2 means for storing the excursion exception within the solution network based
3 upon a part identifier.

1 13. The apparatus of claim 9 further comprising:
2 means for storing the excursion exception within the solution network based
3 upon a system model identifier.

1 14. The apparatus of claim 9 further comprising:
2 means for storing the excursion exception within the solution network based
3 upon a system manufacture date.

1 15. The apparatus of claim 9 further comprising:
2 means for searching the solution network for general solutions when no
3 excursion solution exists, the searching the solution network to

4 determine whether an excursion solution exists being performed before
5 searching to solution network for general solutions..

1 16. The apparatus of claim 9 wherein:
2 the system includes an information handling system.

1 17. A solution network comprising:
2 a knowledge repository, the knowledge repository storing information
3 regarding general solutions to issues, the knowledge repository storing
4 information relating to excursions to general solutions, the excursions
5 being searchable on a system bases;
6 an excursion identifying module, the excursion identifying module identifying
7 excursions to the general solutions on a system basis;
8 a search module, the search module searching the solution network to
9 determine whether an excursion solution exists when accessing the
10 solution network.

1 18. The solution network of claim 17 wherein:
2 the excursions are identifiable based upon a unique system identifier..

1 19. The solution network of claim 18 wherein:
2 the unique system identifier is a service tag.

1 20. The solution network of claim 17 wherein:
2 the excursions are identifiable based upon a part identifier.

1 21. The solution network of claim 17 wherein:
2 the excursions are identifiable based upon a system identifier.

1 22. The solution network of claim 17 wherein:
2 the excursions are identifiable based upon a system manufacture date.

- 1 23. The solution network of claim 17 further comprising:
2 a general search module, the general search module searching the solution
3 network for general solutions when no excursion solution exists, the
4 searching the solution network to determine whether an excursion
5 solution exists being performed before searching to solution network
6 for general solutions..

- 1 24. The solution network of claim 17 wherein:
2 the system includes an information handling system.